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President installed

By Marshall A. Latimore
Copy Editor/Opinions Editor

More than 1,500 students, alumni, faculty, staff and guests attended the installation ceremony of TSU's seventh president Melvin N. Johnson on the morning of Friday, Oct. 27.

The ceremony began with a procession of more than 50 professionals and elected officials who came from across the country to bear witness the university's sixth inauguration, an event that has happened only five times in TSU's 97-year history.

Tennessee Board of Regents chairman Charles Manning, clad in academic regalia, opened the ceremony before introducing senior pastor of Atlanta's Providence Missionary Church, Gerald L. Durley, who offered the invocation.

Barbara Murrell, chair of the Inauguration Steering Committee, said she had charged John Cade, dean of admissions and records and chairman the installation sub-committee, and his committee with the task putting together an installation ceremony that perfectly brought to fruition Johnson's theme of "Building Bridges: Past - Present - Future."

"We want to make connections with student and alumni with this event," Murrell said. "It's necessary for us to bridge some of the gaps between students and their needs. We can only imagine what the future holds for us."

In addition to addresses made by Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen and State Representative Thelma Harper, the university's SGA President Ayodeji Olojo, a senior e-business and supply

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Recount results in Mr. TSU first

**By Eddie R. Cole Jr. and
Brittini Barnes**
Editor in Chief and
Staff Reporter

Following a meeting with university Student Affairs officials, Stephen Morrison, initial first runner-up to Darrius Brooks for Mr. TSU 2006-07, was notified that he had won the title.

The meeting was called by pageant officials after a recalculation of the votes for the 2006 Mr. TSU pageant, which resulted in the university naming its first white student as winner of the 16-year-old title.

Morrison, a senior health sciences major from Memphis, was notified on Friday, Oct. 27 - three days after the Tuesday, Oct. 24 pageant - during an emergency meeting at 3:45 p.m. that he had won the title of Mr. TSU 2006-07.

Brooks, a senior electrical engineering major from Chattanooga, was initially crowned Mr. TSU 2006-07 at the conclusion of the pageant.

Ivra Warren, chairman of the Mr. TSU pageant, said Brooks and Morrison were joined at the emergency meeting by Dwight Pope, pageant coordinator; Dorothy Lockridge, associate vice president of Students Affairs; and Michael Freeman, vice president of Student Affairs.

Warren said the meeting was called and after a discrepancy was noticed among the five judges' scores following Morrison's request for a recount.

"Due to a mathematical error, we had to call an emergency meeting between the winner and the first runner-up of the Mr. TSU pageant," Warren said. "We were faced with the decision to make the right call and I believe truthfully that that was the right thing to do. I apologize to both parties for the mathematical error."

Brooks said he felt the handling of the situation was "unprofessional" and "unethical" because he was allowed to participate in all the activities throughout the week as Mr. TSU,

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SMASHMOUTH Tigers dive into first place

**Jonathon
Edwards
hits Samford
quarterback
Jefferson
Adcock
during the
Tigers' 29-7
homecoming
victory.**

PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

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Student does it all on purpose

By Cara Anthony
News Editor

Michael E. Johnson follows two philosophies: the first is "never be afraid to fail" and the second is "a person can do anything as long as he or she believes in himself or herself and in God."

"I strive to lead a purpose driven life," said Johnson, a sophomore political science major from Nashville.

Johnson also recalled the words of Benjamin Elijah Mays, the sixth president of Morehouse College: "Success is not measured by the amount of material possessions you acquire. It is measured by the imprints you leave on others lives."

He said that this statement influences the legacy he is not only trying to establish at TSU but also in life.

And Johnson has already made quite a start.

As a member of the University Honors Program with a 4.0 grade point average, Johnson was awarded Outstanding College Freshman in 2006 and earned a spot on the Top Ten Academic Students List in 2005, on which he ranked seventh out of 360 students.

Johnson said that taking on leadership roles, such as being appointed vice president for the program's Honors Council, drives him to continue towards excellence.

He said he has plans of entering the

film industry both behind and in front of the camera. Johnson said he would like to be among the realm of producer, actor and playwright like film greats Tyler Perry and Spike Lee.

His love for acting sparked a major change for Johnson. Last spring, he had the opportunity to act in a leading in a production by a TSU student Asana Kassim. This experience sparked his love for acting, Johnson said.

"I believe in economic empowerment for the African-American race and maximizing your potential," he said.

SGA President Ayodeji Olojo said Johnson is faithful to serving TSU.

"He is a brilliant and humble person always eager to learn and give back to others," said Olojo, a senior e-business and supply chain management from Detroit. "He is a man of faith and possesses an unquestionable amount

of loyalty for that in which he loves, TSU."

Johnson said teaching classes for young men ages 13 through 26 at Full Life Convenient Ministries allows him to reinforce life lessons he has experienced.

He said his father Michael E. Johnson Sr. taught him to have integrity wherever he goes and the rest will take him along the way. Lessons like these are what Johnson said he teaches his students.

Johnson describes himself as a committed, multi-talented hard worker who can utilize effective leadership and organizational skills to lead any organization or team to success.

Johnson said while noting that he felt moved to attend TSU, "It's a great institution and I love it. It's that simple."



This week's Student Achiever Michael E. Johnson, who volunteers his time at Full Life Convenient Ministries, strives to lead a purpose driven life.

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Events Calendar

Monday

SGA General Assembly
Kean Hall 037
6 pm

Tuesday

Last day to withdraw from course or university

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3-day weather forecast

Monday

Oct 31
Mostly Sunny
77°/58°



Tuesday

Nov 1
Showers
69°/52°



Wednesday

Nov 2
Scattered Showers
59°/48°



Corrections

The Meter regrets errors and will continue to bring readers accurate information

Ford legacy runs deep at TSU

Elections to be held next month

By Kristina Walling
Contributing Reporter

U.S. Representative and 2006 U.S. Senate-candidate Harold Ford Jr. has had both his father and uncle pass through the halls of TSU as student.

Also, Harold Ford Sr. and John Ford have a campus apartment complex named in their honor as a result of a private endowment they made with the TSU Foundation.

Continuing his family's history of service to the university, Harold Ford Jr. goes to great lengths to encourage students to participate in the political arena and to become excited about politics. On Friday, Oct. 27, Ford Jr. made a special on-campus appearance at the installation of TSU President Melvin N. Johnson and the Homecoming student pep rally.

Ford Jr., 36, is the candidate for the Democratic Party running for the U.S. Senate seat that majority leader Bill Frist is vacating. His opponent in this race is Republican nominee Bob Corker, a former Chattanooga mayor.

The general election is planned for on Tuesday, Nov. 7, where students

will have the opportunity to choose who they would like to be appointed to the designated offices. Early voting has already begun with a voting location at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on 1109 32nd Ave., one block from the Kean Hall Gymnasium.

One student has made getting information about the Ford campaign his top priority.

Hodari Brown, a senior political science major from Detroit and Student Government Association vice president, works regularly for the Ford campaign.

"If elected to U.S. Senate, Congressman Ford would be the youngest senator elected," Brown said. "(He) is not too far removed from our generation in terms of knowing the struggles that we face in America as we strive to seek our educational and career goals."

"He has a vision to deal with the woes of tuition increases and the lack of under funding into higher educational programs aimed at minority students," he added.

Ford Jr. has already had three terms of serving as the U.S. Representative for Tennessee's ninth Congressional District. He replaced his father when Ford Sr. retired in 1997.

Some of Ford Jr.'s platforms include making the government work for the people, having corporate governance laws strengthened, independence from Middle East oil supplies and an investment account for children born in America, according to his Web site,



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Above: 2006 U.S. Senate-candidate Harold Ford Jr., (center) gives a thumbs up during the installation ceremony of TSU President Melvin N. Johnson. Below: Ford Jr. gives a few words to the students of TSU during the homecoming pep rally. Both events occurred on Friday, Oct. 27.

fordfortennessee.com.

Commenting on the making government work for the people, Ford shared his thoughts on the direction of funding for higher education. In light of the possibility of higher interest rates, Ford offers what he thinks is a better alternative to the student loan program.

"I believe that college tuition should be free to students paid for by the government," he said. "In return, college graduates under this program would be contracted to pay back their tuition in the form of national service."

"In addition to the national guard, I see the advantages of development teaching corps for educators, border patrol corps for those students studying law enforcement, and a nursing or doctors corps for helping in times of national disaster and current government health care initiatives," he added.

Ford also made a point to distinguish himself from much of the extreme partisanship he said plagues much of Washington lately. He said that as members of Congress they have to be accountable to represent their people who have put them in office.

Ford also said that he is a firm believer in political integrity, which he has every intention of honoring.

"The divisiveness of partisan

politics prevents our elected officials from coming up with smart answers to our nation's many problems," Ford said. "As a result, the government is unable to serve the most basic needs of the very people for which it exists."

Some students, such as Joel Wright, are skeptical of politicians and their motives with those of Ford included.

"Politicians are selfish right now," said Wright, a junior sociology major from Lake Charles, La. "State and federal government are not for the people as the Constitution is supposed to be. Until I can see something, this is my opinion."

Brown said otherwise.

"I support Harold Ford Jr. because he is willing to stand up the (current U.S. President George W.) Bush administration and the constant cuts they are trying to make to Higher Education and he is willing to answer all questions no matter how challenging they are," Brown said. "Congressman Ford isn't afraid to talk to the young people and isn't afraid to show his passion and compassion for all Tennesseans and Americans."

"That's why I am voting for Harold Ford Jr. on November 7, 2006, because he isn't about any particular party affiliation but he is about change – something most politicians, including his opponent, isn't willing to be apart," he said.



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

What We Think

Homecoming, fate were right on time

Whether we like it or not, the winds of change are again blowing through the air at TSU.

On Friday, Oct. 27, TSU President Melvin N. Johnson was officially installed and inaugurated as our university's seventh president. Also, that afternoon Stephen Morrison became the university's first white Mr. TSU. Later that night, TSU awarded 10 \$10,000 scholarships to current students.

Three obviously historic events occurred on one typical, autumn day.

Then on Saturday, Oct. 28, just after the TSU Royal Court walked onto the field to be recognized during the half-time show during the Homecoming game, the Aristocrat of Bands played *A Change is Gonna Come* by Sam Cooke.

An enthused audience sang along to Cooke's beautiful lyrics, "It's been a long time coming, but...a change is gonna come."

How appropriate was it that a 29-7 win by the Tigers against Samford resulted in second-year head coach James Webster, and the football team, taking hold to a first place tie in the Ohio Valley Conference, a position they share with the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Believe it or not, what *The Meter* and many members of the university community had predicted to be an uneventful and slow Homecoming

resulted in what may become arguably one of the most celebrated weekends in TSU history.

OK, we'll admit it. Perhaps we were wrong. There are many things humans try to predict. Even meteorologists had predicted a downpour. Instead, the LP Field crowd bobbed its head, singing "let it rain...and clear it out" with the Aristocrats who danced the *Chicken Noodle Soup*.

In any case, the forces of the universe aligned quite nicely this weekend, bringing together people of many different ages, races and cultures. Ahhh, just as Homecoming should be.

So maybe we didn't need a fancy concert with A-list performers to unite the masses. Maybe growing accustomed to perks like a comedy show and grand coronation ball had spoiled us rotten. Perhaps, we missed the mark about what a Homecoming is really about. One thing is for certain — fate sure had a great lesson in store for us all.

Fate taught us that on this weekend, it's the little things that truly matter—the little things like passing the spot near the campus library where a path has been worn connecting sidewalks heading to classrooms that alumni young and old once learned in; little things like getting stuck in the long line of traffic on historic Jefferson Street, which was once the economy center of our community; and

finally, the little things like seeing the progress that were put in place long ago blossom into a present we all can be proud of.

Memories, our friends, are what this Homecoming was and should always be about.

Homecoming is the respective 75 years of history that the Zeta Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and the Alpha Theta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. celebrated alongside the Alpha Chi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.'s 70 years on campus.

Homecoming is the largest parade in Nashville that attracts over 45,000 people from all over the city and beyond. It is the dance and prance of the Sophisticated Ladies, who traveled to

Los Angeles in August to support Lady Tigers basketball coach Tracee Jones, a contestant on a taping of NBC's *Deal or No Deal* that aired on Thursday, Oct. 26. It was the sincerely spoken words of 1966 graduate Levi Watkins, famed cardiologist who performed the first implantation of the automatic heart defibrillator, when he challenged the university and its constituents to accept this "brave but startling truth" we call fate.

Richard Hovey said in his 1898 poem, *Unmanifest Destiny*, that "I do not know beneath what sky/Nor on what seas shall be thy fate;/I only know it shall be high./I only know it shall be great."

Certainly, what boundless memories the future holds in store for TSU will be celebrated in many Homecomings to come.

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Concerned Student

posted 10/26/06 at 2:12 PM CST

I still want to know where the campus police were after Stephen Morrison got robbed of Mr. TSU at the pageant on October 24, 2006. Scene for scene he held it down like no other contestant. I don't know what the judges were looking at, but they clearly didn't see the same show the rest of Kean Hall saw!

Andre the 2005-2006 Mr. TSU and one of the hosts for the evening even said, "Where is everybody else's section? Does Steve have the only section here?" No, everyone else had a section; they just didn't have much to cheer for.

Now, I'm not knocking other contestants at all, shout out to Rickey, DJ, and Derek, but Steve's show was on point from the opening scene 'til the announcement of the winner. I'm not one to quickly pull the race card out, but that seemed to be the only flaw of his pageant...the color of his skin! Word around campus is that they didn't want the alumni to get mad that we were going to have a white Mr. TSU!

No offense, but it is 2006, "Ain't no damn slavery no more!" There is no doubt in my mind that if the student's would have voted for Mr. TSU, like they do Miss TSU, then Steve would have won hands down. In closing, I just would like to say, if TSU is not willing to change, then TSU is not willing to grow. And this pageant was the perfect opportunity to grow! How long will we stay in our adolescent stage?

disappointed alumni

posted 10/26/06 at 3:10 PM CST

As an alumnus of TSU, I'd have to say that I am very disappointed in the Mr. TSU pageant. Steve Morrison clearly had the best overall show. The other contestants only had certain scenes that were good.

It's a shame that as black people we are so quick to pull the race card at a white institution or in a white organization when we are wronged and then TSU turns around and does the same thing to someone else.

Personally, I don't care what color Mr. TSU, as long as he represents TSU the right way. I just hope in the future people are picked on their show and not qualities like weight, skin color, height, organization etc.

larry

posted 10/26/06 at 3:29 PM CST

I am also an alumnus and it troubles me that we are so quick to minimize the efforts of the winning competitor. To say

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that Mr. Morrison was robbed is to say that Mr. Brooks was not deserving.

I saw the pageant and it was indeed a close competition. It's all a matter of preference. I could just as easily frame my opinion for why Mr. Brooks had a better show. For instance, his talent was the most impressive. (Mr. Morrison's was more sentimental) His swimsuit was better (Mr. Morrison had on silk boxers) His opening routine was better. (In fact, it was the best) Formal wear was a toss-up, so that leaves Mr. Morrison only winning the oratorical portion in my view.

See, it's all a matter of opinion!

Discrimination is wrong when anyone does it

10/27/06 at 4:37 PM CST

Editor's Note: The following post was a reply to the comment made by larry

This sounds so ignorant that you would say all this when clearly an ambassador is someone who speaks on behalf of an institution, a country or group of people. It matters not the material of the swimsuit or how well won can lip-sync his re-creation of a music video.

Speaking, my friend, is what ambassadors do. If you're too simple-minded to understand that, then I'm afraid you've missed the point of any of this. If you can without doubt say that Stevo was a better orator (which was for two parts of the competition, not one), then none of the other frivolousness you claim DJ presented even matter.

Furthermore, I am one to claim that there was bias amongst the panel of judges. Clearly, DJ and Cheeseborough have a past. Cheeseborough coached the women's track team while DJ was a member of the men's track team. I believe that if we look at her scoring, we'd find that Brooks was her favorite throughout the pageant. Examine that, *The Meter*, and anyone else who believed that DJ won the pageant fair and square.

Wake up TSU! Stop racism now. ...

Just Disappointed

posted 10/26/06 at 7:24 PM CST

I am just disappointed at the outcome of the Mr. TSU pageant. I honestly believe that TSU is starting to set a trend in how they are picking the people to represent TSU when it comes being looked at as an overall institution and I am for one disappointed.

I believe that some how people believe that if Mr. Stephen Morrison had of won the Mr. TSU pageant some how it would have looked bad on the university because he is white and TSU is an HBCU. I challenge and ask those individuals to stop being closed-minded and allow some growth to happen.

Wrong is wrong and right is right and it was wrong for the judges to deprive Mr. Morrison of something that was due o him and it would only be right to let the students vote as they due for the Ms. TSU pageant, I mean after all he is representing (the student body.)

It also amazes me that everyone is so concerned about a white person representing TSU or should I say any HBCU, but when Mr. Morrison did the best on the oratorical portion. I strongly believe that TSU has set a negative tone for the year and I am truly disappointed.

Michelle Wade

posted 10/26/06 at 9:35 PM CST

The Mr. TSU competition has been a topic of great discussion in many of my classes. Some of my classmates felt that Mr. Brooks won the competition fairly. However, others feel that Mr. Morrison was not crowned Mr. TSU because he is white.

It has also been said, and I hope that this is a false statement, that Mr. Brooks won based on the fact that he is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi. If this is true, the competition was not one of fairness. (I never understood why Mr. TSU was not chosen by the student body.

It would seem that the honor of choosing a Mr. TSU should be left up to the same student body that chose the beautiful and deserving Miss TSU. I hope that Mr. Morrison was not passed over for the title of Mr. TSU based on the fact that he is white.

At an institution of higher learning that was started to educate blacks who were discriminated against based on the color of their skin, race should never come in to play when deciding if someone should receive a position of honor. If it does, we as a learning community have made a mockery of the legacy that this institution of higher learning was built upon.

Showstopper

posted 10/26/06 at 10:10 PM EST

I'm so hurt because of the result of the pageant. It's unacceptable. I am a stu-

dent who just got through arguing, damn near (about to) fight with a high profile athlete because of this garbage. If y'all wasn't gone let him win, why let him compete. (Morrison) held it down like no other. Ricky was better than DJ. TSU didn't want a white Mr. TSU, which makes us look bad in general.

Alumni

posted 10/27/06 at 7:48 PM CST

As an alumni, I for one think that the perpetuated existence of racism on an HBCU campus is ridiculous. As African Americans, we should never let this kind of racism continually exist.

On top of it all, for someone to say or even suggest that this isn't race related is sick. This is also another example of Greek elitism that exists at TSU. Just because you are Greek doesn't entitle you to any thing. On top of all that, though there are great people in Greek organizations like myself. There are also people who are just as great who are not in Greek organizations.

Greeks at TSU are allowed to get away with things that others are not. Stealing is just one of many things that they do, and people complain but that's where it ends. Stop the racism and psuedo-elitism....it sets us back centuries and it's not cool!

TSUalum

posted 10/29/06 at 6:14 PM CST

As a TSU alumnus, I kind of have a different opinion on this issue. Yes, it is 2006 and diversity is good but TSU is an HBCU and I would think that the students as well as the alumni would want a person who is a true representative of a historically black college.

Honestly, if I were a judge that night I would be accepting that there was a white contestant but I would really feel that TSU needed to be represented by an African American.

Candidly speaking, it's kind of like having a white person head the NAACP. There are white members of the NAACP but you would never see that because organizations with a rich black heritage should be represented by black people. That's just how I feel.

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Fraternity adopts residence center, freshman males

By DeShanee Miner
Newsroom Manager

TSU's Zeta Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. started its 75th anniversary reunion during homecoming with the adoption of Lena B. Watson Hall, a freshman residence center, in a dedication ceremony held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

With close to 50 chapter members, alumni and guests in attendance, the event came together after much planning by chapter president Dwight Webster, a senior business management major from Nashville.

"It's a great feeling," Webster said. "It's good to see old and new brothers coming together to celebrate brotherhood and fellowship."

Webster said the idea was presented to then chapter president Marcus McGauley during the 2004-2005 academic school year.

"(McGauley) was approached by Dean Earnest two years ago," Webster said. "A formal letter was submitted to her in the summer of 2005."

The ceremony began in the lobby of Watson Hall with a welcome and recognition of special guests by Javante



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.'s Zeta Alpha chapter sing their hymn after the adoption of Watson Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Bell, a spring 2006 initiate and current assistant director of the Hale Hall Residence Center. The ceremony went on with the introduction of speakers by Webster.

"It's great to see the outcome," said Cortez Feathersen, a junior cardio-respiratory care major from Tutwiler, Miss. and member of the fraternity. "I

can't stop talking about it. When I drive by, it can't be missed."

In addition to adopting the freshman residence center, the chapter's campus advisor Keith Pitts and Webster said the chapter also has plans of joining current initiatives by Residence Life and the Sankofa Project to reach out to freshman males.

"We are trying to help wherever we can," Webster said. "We even have money set aside in our budget to help out Watson Hall."

Martin B. Currie, the southwestern regional director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., said, "Our role is to support and be of service to the community. The chapter was free to choose whatever they wanted and this is the community service project they chose."

"Hopefully they will help assimilate young people in to college life and be a support system," Currie added.

The ceremony ended with fraternity members joining outside in front of the residence center in a circle to sing the fraternity's hymn.

"The ceremony was outstanding," said John Ewell, a 1988 TSU graduate and 1986 initiate of Zeta Alpha. "This is phenomenal. I am glad to see the university thought enough of this chapter to place our shield on one of its halls."

Xavier Keen, a junior electrical engineering major from St. Louis and current member of the fraternity, said he was ecstatic to begin this new project.

"This is the first big thing I have done since becoming part of this chapter," Keen said. "When I come back as an alumni, I can always say I was here when this happen."•

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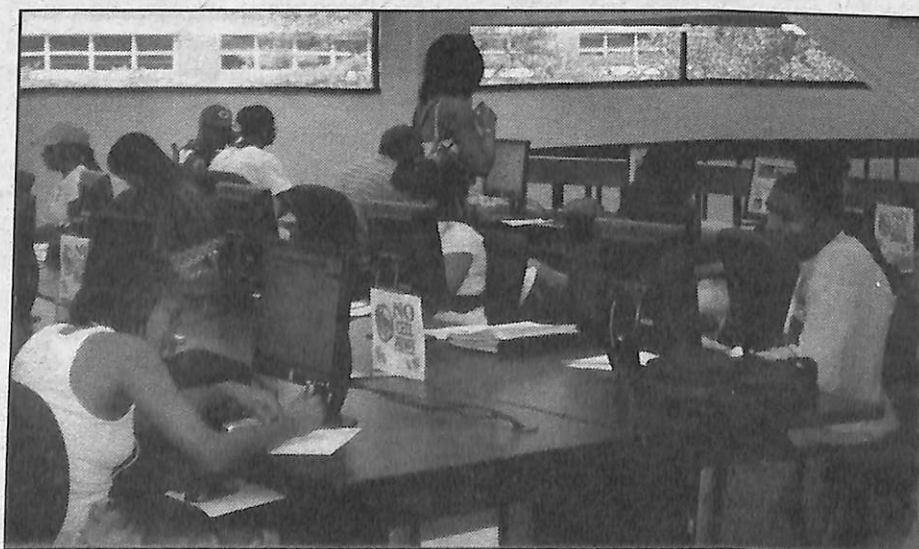


PHOTO BY MADELYN RAGLAND

Students take advantage of the computer services in the Brown-Daniel library. Soon students will be able to access the library's electronic resources on and off-campus 24-hours per day, seven days per week.

By Madelyn Ragland
Staff Reporter

Students may have noticed many physical improvements at TSU's Brown-Daniel and Avon Williams campus libraries, but TSU libraries and media center officials said the library resources can be accessed from anywhere in the world and from any computer.

Yildiz Binkley, assistant vice president of libraries and media center, said she encourages the university to use all the library resources inside the library and online to help with class assignments and projects.

"The university needs to know that the resources inside the library are advanced," Binkley said. "Departments should encourage students to use the library and the library resources online."

Students can access the library's

electronic resources 24-hours per day, seven days per week from on and off-campus, according to Fletcher Moon, the head of reference.

"The Library homepage includes a link called 'Remote Access (Off-Campus)' under the Electronic Resources category. After clicking on it, they can select databases by title/subject and/or electronic/e-books to use these resources," Moon said.

He said once a specific database and e-book collection is chosen from off-campus, the system will ask for the first part of the students' myTSU e-mail address only (first initial, last name, and number if assigned one; for example, gsmith8). Next, the student keys in the 10-digit number from the TSU picture identification (ID) card.

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TSU community vocal about Mr. TSU

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including the pep rally before thousands, and was then called to meet in the Office of Student Affairs for the emergency meeting.

He said Pope informed him that they recounted the scores and Morrison came out the winner. Brooks said that he was unaware that there was an appeal process because Mr. TSU is not a Student Government Association position and has no official bylaws stating the rules of appealing a decision.

Brooks said there is supposed to more talk about the decision on Monday, Oct. 30.

"I feel that after there was still an issue that there shouldn't have been a king announced at the parade or the game," Brooks said.

He added, "I still plan to represent TSU with the utmost respect. There should be no questions asked about that. This was a problem with administration and has nothing to do with our friendship. It won't hinder our friendship at all."

Morrison — a friend of Brooks since 2004 — said that on Thursday, Oct. 26 he requested to view his scores only.

"I wasn't planning on having anything done but I went into Mr. Pope's office to see my scores and I was given the option to have the scores recounted so I said 'yes,'" Morrison said. "Everybody that was involved with the pageant was present at the recounting of the votes."

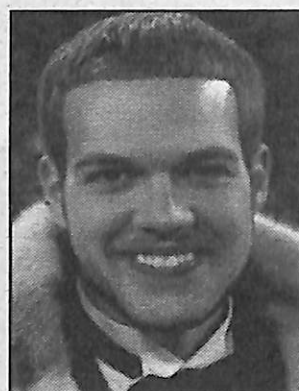


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Stephen Morrison was informed on Friday, Oct. 27 that he will be Mr. TSU 2006-07.

The TSU community cries out

During the three days of Brooks' reign as Mr. TSU, several members of the university community expressed displeasure with the pageant's outcome.

For example, Sherman Murdock, a sophomore mass communications major from Chicago, began an unofficial petition by having dozens of TSU students sign a white wig mannequin head in support of Morrison. Likewise, some members of the university community left feedback in support of Brooks winning Mr. TSU.

Morrison said he said that he wants to dispel the rumors, such as he threatened to sue the university, affiliated with the decision.

"That is completely untrue," said Morrison, who first contemplated running for Mr. TSU during his freshman year. "That is like 100 percent a lie."

Morrison: I knew I had to be flawless

Morrison said that he is excited about taking the reign as Mr. TSU, but said that he does not believe that the judges' scores had anything to do with race.

However, he acknowledges the significance of him winning the title and prepared for such prior to the pageant.

"I knew the arena in which I was competing so I knew I had to be flawless," Morrison said. "I'm proud of it that I can go down in history as the first white Mr. TSU. It was waiting for someone to grab. I'm proud that I was the first. I hope that I can represent the crown and TSU well and win those people over."

Morrison said that all four of the contestants did an excellent job of putting on a great show for the university.

"We pulled it off. All of us pulled it off," Morrison said. "I don't know if another group of guys could have done it. Everybody put on a real nice show."

University supportive, Morrison ready to lead

Morrison said the audience for the Mr. TSU pageant and that administration showed its support during the homecoming weekend.

"I can't understate the value of my supporters," Morrison said. "I couldn't have asked for anything more for my crowd. ... Those guys were awesome."

Dallyssia Cooper, a freshman medical technology major from Memphis, said she feels that Morrison had the most thorough pageant.

"Honestly, I think Stephen should

have won from the start because his presentation throughout the entire show was good," Cooper said. "If they didn't want Stephen to win, why did they let him run?"

Rekieta Jones, a freshman criminal justice major from Memphis, said, "Stephen should have won anyway. It was obvious that Stephen won. It shouldn't matter if he's white. However, they shouldn't have taken the crown from Darrius. They could have just given Stephen another title."

The annual winner of Mr. TSU competes in the spring Mr. HBCU pageant, a competition that past Mr. TSUs have fared well in. In 2005, Mr. TSU 2004-05 Antwan Suttle won Mr. HBCU and, in 2006, Mr. TSU 2005-06 Andre Parson finished first-runner up.

Morrison, who said he wishes to establish more of a presence than just Miss TSU's escort, said he is excited to about the Mr. HBCU problem and does not believe being white will be hamper him.

"I can't wait to get there," Morrison said. "We can bring the title back to TSU where it belongs. I really don't think there will be any kind of problem."

Now, he plans on establishing a legacy for the Mr. TSU position.

"It's relevantly new compared to the Miss TSU (position)," Morrison said. "I think it's a position of untapped power. It's going to be fun."

Staff Reporter Nakeva Williams contributed to this report.

Johnson: Students make the university possible

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chain management major from Detroit, delivered greetings to Johnson on behalf of the student body.

"It was distinct and rare opportunity to take part in the inauguration of the university's seventh president," Olojo said. "It was great to represent my peers alongside such an esteemed group of platform guests."

Following more greetings by a host of other university constituents and public officials, Gloria Johnson, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

and university chief marshal, presented Johnson with the university mace and baton.

Manning then presented the president with a presidential medallion and chain of office, a symbol of authority as head of the university. According to the informational leaflet distributed at the ceremony, Johnson and future presidents of the university are to wear the necklace on ceremonious occasions, such as commencements, convocations or other formal academic occasions.

"Building Bridges is all about the students," Johnson said, explaining

his theme in greater detail after the installation ceremony at a luncheon held in his honor. "Relationships are great for the university, but the students are the reason we all are here. Students make the university possible."

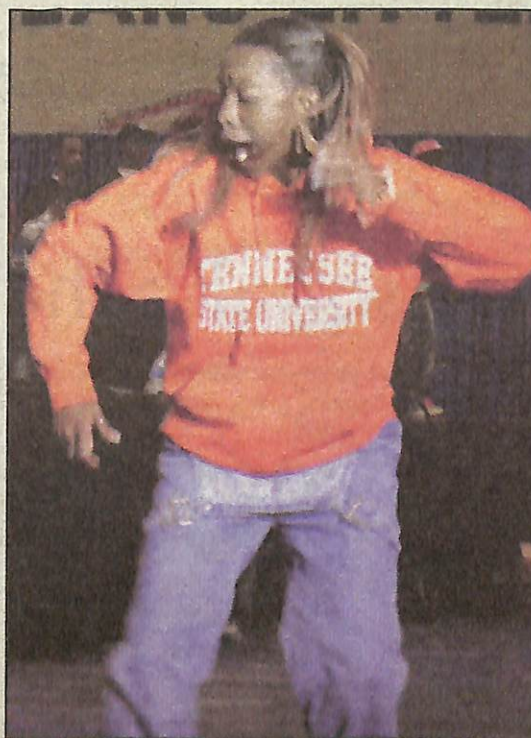
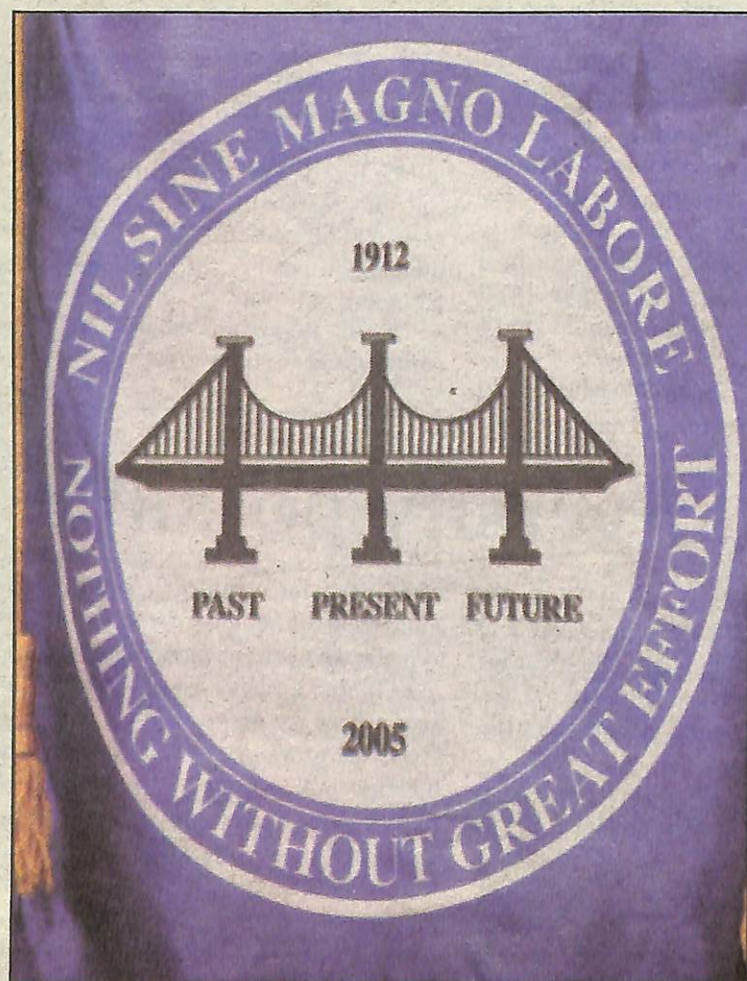
Culminating Johnson's inauguration celebration was a formal inauguration ball and gala held at the Opryland Resort and Convention Center. Hosted by alumni Bobby Jones and Xernona Clayton, the event featured a night performances by the university's Department of Music and the awarding of 10 \$10,000 scholarships to current TSU students. Raising more

\$500,000 for student scholarships, Johnson and first lady Marcelite pledged to make the event an annual occurrence.

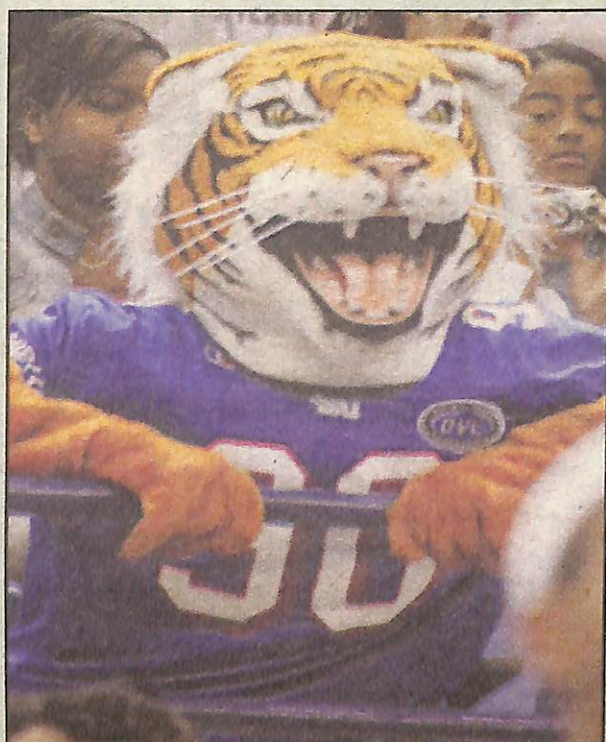
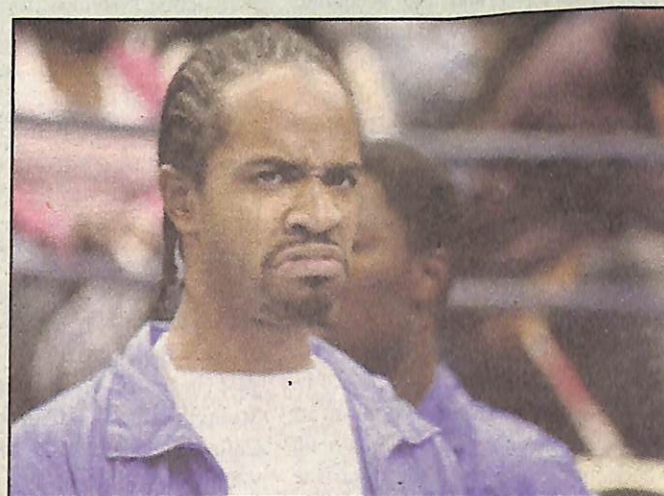
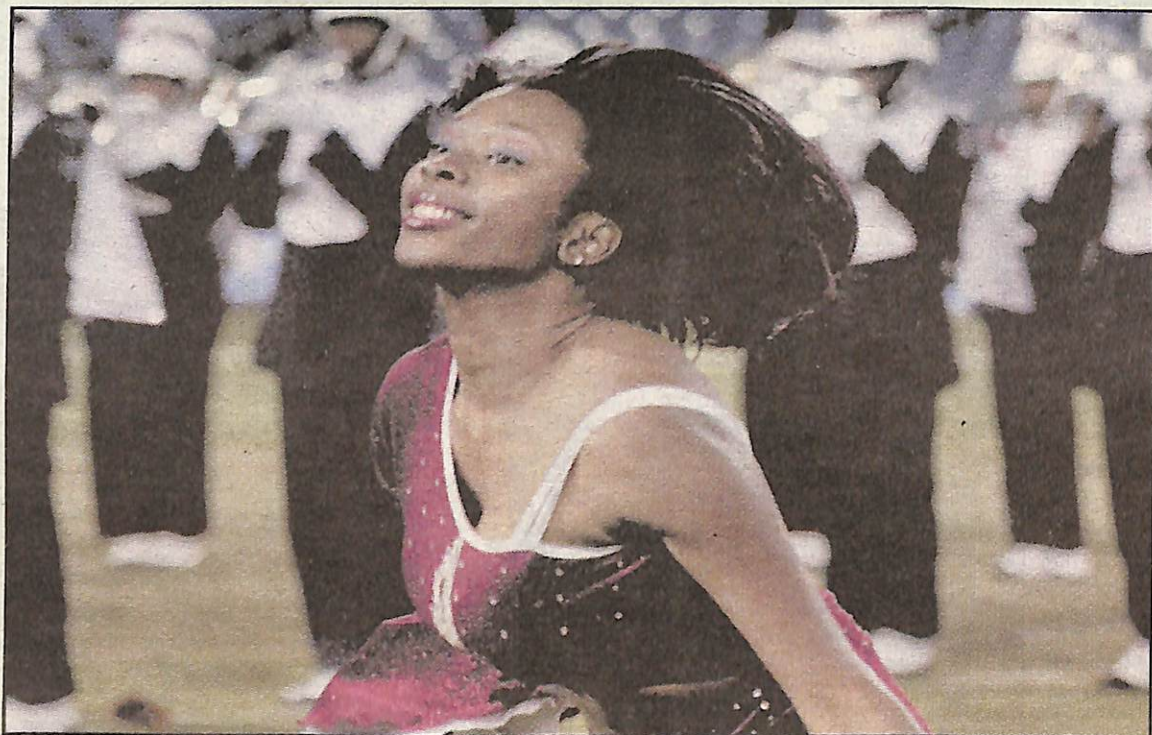
"It was a historical and memorable experiences for me to be a part of," said SGA vice president Hodari Brown, who attended both events. "You hear about the inaugurations of U.S. presidents, but to be a part of something that was similar brought it all home for me."

Brown added, "To see the many political and civic figures who came to share with Johnson in this event made me understand how important this event really was."

Taking A Look Back



At Homecoming 2006



Library has vision for future

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"Dr. Yildiz Binkley has a vision of the 21st Century Library and Media Services of (TSU) and the academic needs of students, faculty and staff are at the top of the list," said Beverly McDonald-Robinson, associate director of Title III program administration. "(We) encourage students, faculty and staff to visit the library and engage in the diversity of resources at (their) fingertips."

Located in the heart of the campus, the Brown-Daniel Library stands three-story tall and has 82,000 square feet and, according to tstate.edu, it has two computer labs, one smart classroom, an art corner and special rooms that maintain the collections of prominent Nashville and Tennessee residents.

Binkley said there are currently 129 personal computers in the library for faculty, staff and students usage.

She said she encourages all departments to send students to the library to do assignments even though the library resources can be accessed from students' home computers.

While she said she agrees an essential factor for students is when they learn how to do scholarly research is at the library, she also explained that if each department would give the library faculty some notice of assignments they would be able to help students better.

With an increase of non-traditional students at TSU, students are able to access library resources online rather than being on campus.

Another program offered by the library is the inter-library loan program.

"The library has definitely changed for the better since I have been here," said Barbara Van Hooser, the inter-library loan librarian.

The library has also improved as far as technology is concerned, according to Van Hooser. The library has many wonderful online databases, remote access and a nice collection of e-books.

Van Hooser emphasized that the inter-library loan program plays an important role in the research needs of the university community.

She said that through the program, TSU borrows items from other libraries when its library does not have what the student needs in its collection. In return, the university also lends items from its

collection to other libraries.

"I think Dr. Binkley has made technology at the TSU library comfortable to any library in the TBR (Tennessee Board of Regents) system or for Tennessee for that matter," said Glenda Alvin, assistant director for collection management at Brown-Daniel Library.

"I prefer to be online to use the library because it's more convenient than traveling all the way to the library," said Jasmine White, a freshman computer science major from Memphis.

Binkley said that TSU's libraries are funded partially by the state and partially by the Title III program.

The university is a recipient of the Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities Grant (Title III, Part B) for graduate and undergraduate institutions, as designated by the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Education, according to the www.ed.gov/programs.

Title III funds have been used to supplement the annual state budget allocations, supporting many initiatives to ensure that students at TSU have a scholarly environment, conducive for research across an array of disciplines, to ascertain new knowledge and become productive professionals, according to ed.gov/programs.

In order to be eligible for this funding, an institution must be designated by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education as a historically black college or university. An HBCU, as defined by the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, is "... any historically black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of black Americans."

"I am exceedingly proud of the development and maturation of the Library and Media Services of TSU," McDonald-Robinson said.

It is a much nicer environment to work in and I am sure the students appreciate it as well," Van Hooser said. •

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Step Show tour stomps on TSU's campus

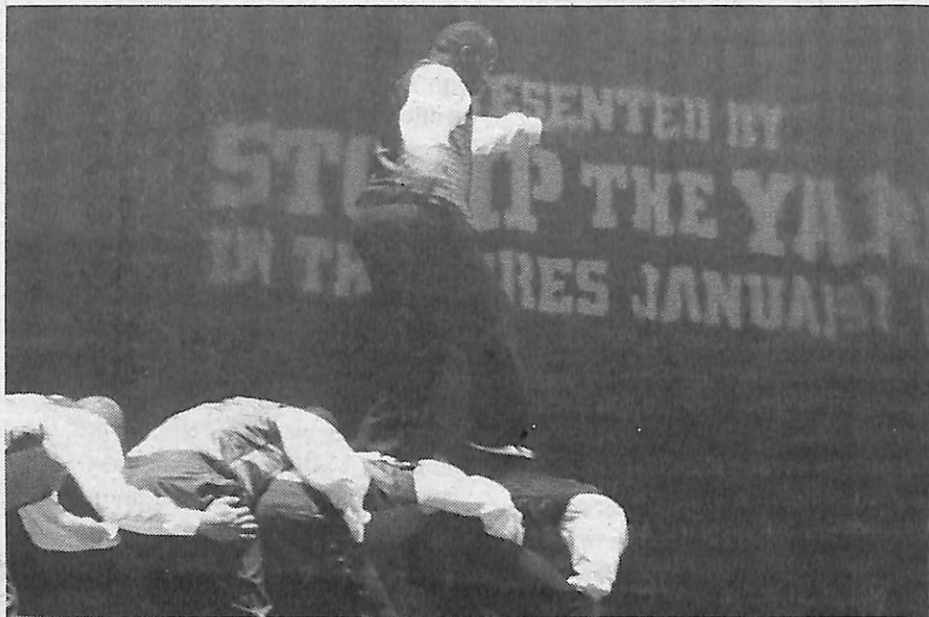


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Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc.'s Kappa Upsilon chapter (the University of Arkansas at Little Rock) display its skills during their performance at the "Stomping on the Yard" Fall Brawl Homecoming Tour.

By M. Antonio Silas
Co-Assistant Arts & Culture
Editor

The "Stomping on the Yard" Fall Brawl Homecoming Tour hosted TSU's annual Homecoming step show this year.

The tour consists of 160 teams that represent the Divine Nine under the umbrella of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. At the conclusion of the tour, the winners from each of the schools compete in a national stepping championship.

With the exception of two sororities, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., all of the Divine Nine was represented in the step show.

The show truly began before the announcer even hit the stage. Numerous members of the fraternities and sororities hit the floor doing steps that were original

to their respective organizations.

After the panel, which consisted of a member from each of the Divine Nine fraternities and sororities with the exception of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., sat in their seats, the show began. After a video introducing the tour concluded, MC Supreme of K97 WHRK-FM in Memphis hit the stage and got the crowd pumped.

After giving shout-outs to each organization in attendance, the show started with an act from TSU's Zeta Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. The Sigmas began their act by running on stage in full jumpsuits to the theme of ESPN's Sports Center.

The steps in their act ranged from stepping freehand, to stepping with short batons and pleasing the ladies in the audience with an act reminiscent of one by the Chippendales.

The men of the Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc.

from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock began by telling the audience to watch closely because watching an Iota step is "never the same as the first time." They kept the audience entertained by doing numerous acrobatics, synchronized steps and skits that kept the audience laughing.

The Zeta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. came from the University of Missouri to participate in the step show. The group performed a traditional step show, consisting of their well-known Alpha train, Egyptian-themed steps and stepping to old-school songs by Michael Jackson.

Fisk University's Eta Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. came out to a theme of "Resurrection." This was the first time any chapter of Omegas had participated in the TSU Homecoming Step Show since 2005.

The Omegas entertained the audience with military-themed steps, their trademark "hops" and a vibrant conclusion with all of the fraternity's members hopping on the stage to their unofficial anthem, George Clinton's *Atomic Dog*.

TSU's Beta Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. performed to a theme of the popular movie trilogy *Saw*. The act began with the familiar voice of the movie's main character Jigsaw telling the members of the fraternity that they've been locked in a room and must find their way out.

Throughout their performance the fraternity's acted out familiar parts in the movies and concluded by stepping off stage and taking a shot at the other frats by dressing their members up in their respective colors and having them act like puppets.

The Alpha Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. from TSU used a racing theme for their act. They garnered a tremendous crowd response when they saluted each of the fraternities

with their respective steps.

The men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Alpha Theta Chapter, took a different approach with their show. Coming out to band music played by TSU's Aristocrats of Bands, they called themselves the Aristocrats of Frats.

The members yelled to the crowd "anyone could do other frats steps" and went through each of the fraternities' steps one by one, concluding with strolling off of the stage.

The ladies of TSU's Epsilon Alpha chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. concluded the step show by coming out dressed up as computer geeks and entertaining the audience by stepping to the 1980s popular hit *Computer Love*.

The members of the Zeta Alpha chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Alpha Chi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. took home the first-place trophies and checks with the amount of \$2,500 listed on them.

Jerico Riley, the step master for the Zeta Alpha chapter of Alpha, said he was very pleased with the win.

"We are very excited about our win," Riley said. "We came down last year as spectators. I've been coming to TSU's Homecoming since high school. We love coming to HBCU campuses to perform. The Alphas here (at TSU) showed us much love, and it was a win for both of us. We worked very hard."

Brandie Long, an Alpha Chi step master, said she was pleased with the show.

"We feel good," Long said. "It was a great show. We definitely needed it. It paid off and we're happy."

Kareem Howard said he would have liked to see all of the Divine Nine participate.

"The show was OK," said Howard, a biology graduate student from New York. "It would've been better if all of the Greeks were here. It was still a great show though."*

TSU holds high hopes for upcoming play

By **Nakeva Williams**
Contributing Reporter

TSU's Department of Communications is preparing for its annual fall semester play to be performed Nov. 9-11 and 16-18 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 12 and 19 at 3 p.m.

The Marriage of Bette and Boo, directed by Michael Barnett and produced by Theater Manager Barry Scott, will be performed at TSU's Performing Arts Center in Cox/Lewis Theatre.

"Our goal is to seal every seat," said Scott, who is also a TSU graduate. "We want TSU staff, faculty and students to come to this play."

The play is based on the childhood life of the writer, Christopher Durang. The play is about a Catholic family who is very obsessed with being perfect. The birth of Bette and Boo's first son is followed by a succession of stillbirths.

The narration is done by character Matt – the only survived child of Bette and Boo. Matt is played by freshman speech communications and theatre major Andrew Wardle.

The main character Bette is played by senior Amy Harrison, a forensics major. Harrison expressed how she felt a connection to the role she played in this production.

"I can definitely identify with my character because Bette was a nag and in the past I have been known as somewhat of a nag," Harrison said. "I think the audience will be receptive because TSU students are drawn to quality entertainment and that's what this is. *Bette and*

Boo has a serious concept, but it's still funny."

As far as advertisement for the play is concerned, Scott said T-shirts, postcards, flyers and direct mail.

Melanie Moffett, who plays the character Joan, has really enjoyed rehearsing for the play so far. Moffett, a senior speech communications major, said that the rehearsals were a bit time consuming for her because she has a lot of classes, but she estimated a total of about 16 hours per week that she dedicated towards rehearsals.

"All characters stick out because everyone is so different," Moffett said. "Everyone has a distinctive role."

Jessica Stults, a senior speech communications major and stage manager for the play, said she loves the role she has in this production. She said she said she was made for the role.

"I am very organized and that's a big part of my job," she said. "I am the rule enforcer, (the) messenger between the production team and the director."

Stults also commented on the promotional aspects of making the turnout for this promotion a success.

"We have been working even harder in the marketing department," Stults said. "It's going to be a very entertaining show to come see."

Tickets cost \$3 for all students with I.D., \$5 for TSU faculty and staff, and \$ 7 for General Admission. Tickets may be purchased at Ticketmaster by calling 615-255-9600.

The Nation of Islam informs on history

By **Jessica Reaves**
Contributing Reporter

The Nation of Islam student organization is encouraging students to learn more and become tolerant of other religions, according to its president Samuel X Gray.

Gray, a senior business administration major from Chicago, said the organization helps out the community by having a mobile soup kitchen that delivers food to the homeless people in Nashville.

Additionally, the Nation works to clean up drug addicts, reform prostitutes, and keep black youths out of jail, according to noi.org.

"I think the NOI is a positive force in the black community," said Myisa Plancq, a junior speech communications major from San Francisco. "They are a strong force and can make a powerful impact in this country and world."

The Nation is a form of the Muslim religion that shares some beliefs and ideologies with Orthodox Muslims. Orthodox Muslims and members of the Nation of Islam both believe in one God and study both the Bible and Qur'an, according to Gray.

The Nation believes, however, that black Americans are the chosen people of Allah, and not the Jews as many people have believed.

"We're (black Americans) in the scripture cover-to-cover, but we're hidden," said Minister Abdul Majied Muhammad, minister of The Nation in Nashville. "He'll (God) choose those who were last and make them first. Blacks in America are last."

The Nation believes also that Allah appeared in the person of W. Fard Muhammad in July 1930. The Nation believes that Muhammad is the Messiah.

Gray said Muhammad came to America and studied for 20 years in 1910. In 1930, he came to Black Bottom, Detroit, a predominately black neighborhood that suffered significantly during the Great Depression, and began going door-to-door in the slums teaching and offering silk from Africa.

"The book of Luke says the spirit manifested itself in human form," Gray said. "The spirit is not independent of the flesh."

In 1931, Elijah Muhammad recognized W. Fard Muhammad as the Messiah and was taught by the Messiah

for three and a half years, according to Gray.

Members of The Nation believe that in 1941, Messiah Muhammad left the scene and Minister Muhammad continued to preach and teach the message left behind by the Messiah until his departure in 1975.

"Some black Muslims bad mouth Elijah Muhammad for his history with Malcolm X," Plancq said. "Changing from The Nation to Orthodox Muslim raises a few red flags in my mind."

According to Gray, there are many celebrities who have been associated with The Nation, but identities are never mentioned because an association with this group may be considered threatening to mainstream America.

In 1975, Louis Farrakhan became the official minister of The Nation and began rebuilding it after Muhammad's departure, according to noi.org. Its national center is located in Chicago.

"Farrakhan was the one who stepped up when Muhammad's son attempted to turn The Nation into the American Muslim Society," Gray said. "He wanted to make The Nation more orthodox."

The Nation focuses on the theme of uplifting the oppressed and encouraging black people to gain a deeper understanding of their culture and rich heritage, according to worshippers.

One worshipper, during the organization's study, said that some parts of Africa may not have running water, but at least they know who they are unlike many blacks in America.

"TSU has been such a struggle for me," Gray said. "A lot of students are not conscious of issues surrounding them and do not recognize who they are."

"It has nothing to do with being Christian or Muslim. We all need to come together to encourage," Gray added.

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The Departed A+

How do you tell a good cop from a bad one? The answer is simple: you can't.

This is a theme for Martin Scorsese's film, *The Departed*, which was released in theaters on October 6, 2006 by Warner Brothers.

Starring a full cast of well known actors *The Departed* proves to be witty, intriguing and violent creating a great mob film.

Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson) is a big Boston mob boss who has a sadistic sense of humor and believes that "a man must make his own way because no one is going to give it to you; you have to take it."

And he does...

With assistance from Colin Sullivan

(Matt Damon) and Billy Costigan (Leonardo DeCaprio) Nicholson not only deceives the authorities, but also himself.

Sullivan and Costigan are Massachusetts State Troopers and both seem sincere in their work, however, the interesting twist is who are they really working for?

The plot is simple, there are 'rats' everywhere; in the Special Investigations unit and Costello's own posse and they must be found out in order to keep the business strong.

There are set ups, plot twists and a great deal of gory shooting scenes that any mob movie lover will appreciate.

Be warned although there are plenty of traditional shooting scenes, there are somewhat confusing scenes that an audience member may ask, "What the ...?" and later have to contemplate that if what was seen was really what they thought.

The cast is amazing and each actor does an amazing job portraying a genuine role of a good guy, bad guy or the in between which the movie seems to unravel to the audience.

The cinematography is as essential to this movie as the cast and the film does an excellent job of lightening and the use of sets to represent the dark aspects of the characters' minds.

This movie will make you laugh, keep you entertained and demand that you think about it afterwards which makes this a modern masterpiece.

And remember these words from Nicholson, "We all are [on our way out], act accordingly."

Raven Petty

Kilowatt Ours

B+

Kilowatt Ours is a documentary directed by Jeff Barrie. Taking the audi-

ence from the coalmines in West Virginia to the solar panel fields of Florida, he discovers solutions to America's energy related problems. Along the way, he met everyday Americans finding ways to harness power from the wind and sun.

As the movie suggests, there are many ways to conserve energy and save the future from the many harmful things that are being done to the earth. There are several ways that we can fix these problems such as, conserving energy, buying green power and recycling.

To get 4 million tons of coal, 2500 tons of explosives per day rang out in the Appalachian Mountains. Processing the coal leaves behind toxic amounts of waste stored in giant sludge ponds around the region.

In fall 2000, one of the lakes failed sending the estimated 300 million gallons of sludge in the Big Sandy River in Martin County, Kentucky. The size of the spill was 30 times greater than the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska.

Fish and aquatic life were wiped out along more than 100 miles of the river and residents were left with a contaminated drinking supply. The Environmental Protection Agency declared it one of the worst environmental disasters ever east of the Mississippi, but few people heard about it.

Global warming is another problem. It is something that we hear about almost daily but most likely pay not attention to it because people don't understand exactly what it is. The movie shows how the atmosphere acts as a blanket to balance how much carbon dioxide is in the air and the temperature of the earth.

The more carbon dioxide that is pumped into the air, the warmer the atmosphere and the planet gets. As we can tell, there are already more intense hurricanes and hotter summers.

And while nuclear power is an emis-

sion free of greenhouse gases, the idea of 'nuclear' just does not sound pleasant. A typical 1000-megawatt nuclear reactor creates enormous amounts of radioactive waste.

Yearly, there are 0.2 tons of plutonium waste, 159 tons of reactor fuels- and weapons-grade plutonium and 179 thousand tons of uranium mill tailings and it is supposedly called clean energy.

The problems are not too big nor to severe to fix, but an even greater the problem is increasing the amount of people to want to change. But, this is possible, the movie informs. Optimistic people can motivate and eventually can be contagious, which is great. With two simple steps, people can change the direction of the future.

Step 1: Use energy more efficiently.

Step 2: Use green power. Green power is energy from the sun. In order for that to work at it's best, the home has to be more efficient. The lights devour nearly 40 percent in homes, which is about 500 lbs of coal per month.

Incandescent bulbs are mostly used and fluorescent lights, which are more compact, use a fraction of the energy and last years longer. Electricity bills will also be cut down just changing the light bulbs to fluorescent lighting.

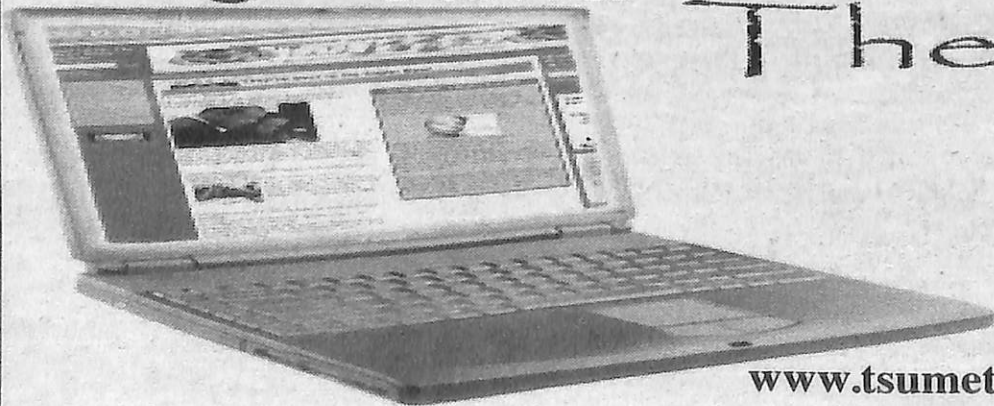
Recycling also saves energy. Recycling 1 aluminum can run a television set for up to 3 hours. By 2015, JEA, in Jacksonville, Florida, will have 7.5 percent of generated capacity provided by green and clean renewable power sources.

Jeff Barrie is showing *Kilowatt Ours* in festivals in various places of the countries, like universities and state legislatures. The governor of Alabama is using it as a tool to show how to reduce the state's electricity.

Jeff Barrie

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The TSU Tiger's mascot holds up his finger as he is taken down John A. Merritt Blvd to the beginning of the homecoming parade. The Tigers won their homecoming game 29-7.

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By Brittini Barnes

"The other night, Chinese MTV was on, it was quite hilarious! Hip-hop has taken over the world!"

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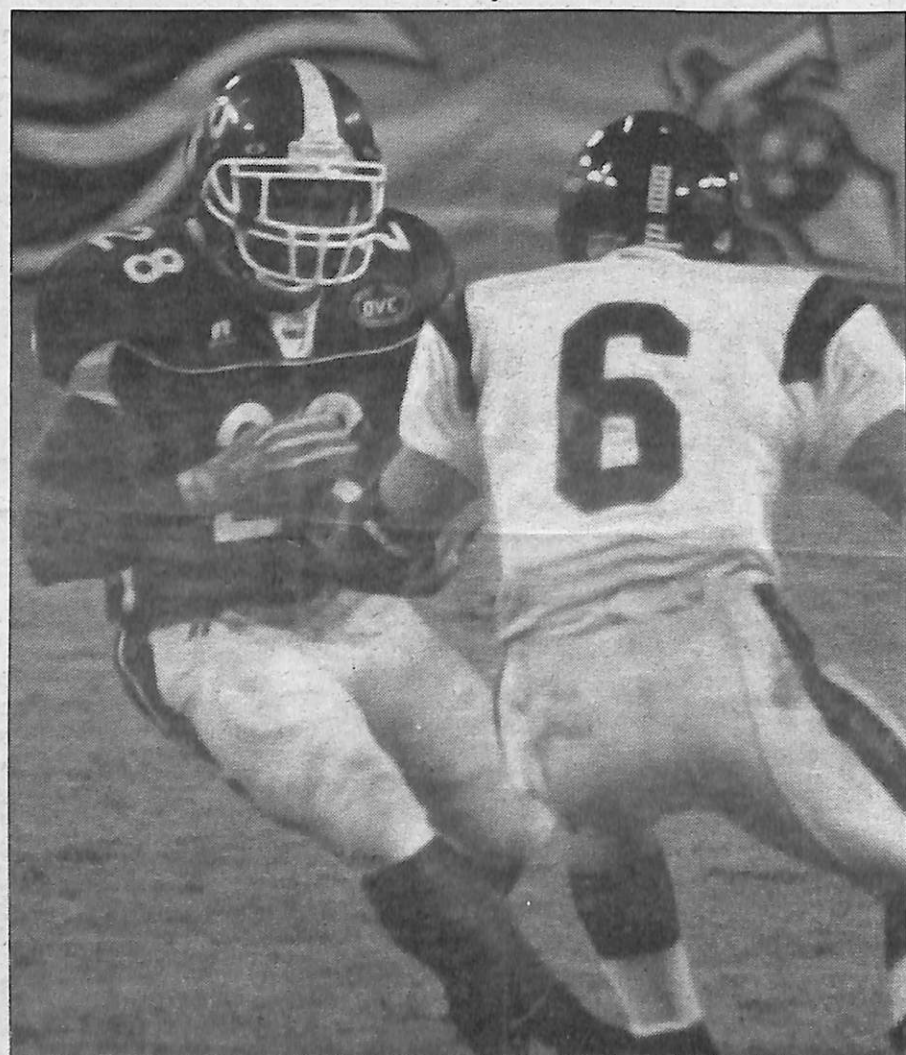
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Tigers dance into OVC top spot



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Above: TSU Tiger running back Javarri Williams takes on Samford defensive back B.T. Hartloge during the Tigers' homecoming. Right: Samford defensive back Chase McTorry attempts to tackle Tiger quarterback Julian Sample. The Tigers were victorious in a 29-7 win.

By **Eddie R. Cole** and
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Business Reporter

TSU quarterback Antonio Heffner made sure that the members of the Aristocrats of Bands weren't the only

ones displaying some fancy footwork at LP Field on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Heffner used his legs to score three rushing touchdowns as TSU (5-3, 4-0 OVC) secured its 10th homecoming victory in the last 11 attempts with a 29-7 win over the Samford Bulldogs (3-6, 1-5 OVC).

The Tigers are tied with the

University of Tennessee-Martin for first place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"The (win) was important," said running back Javarri Williams. "We felt if we can win this game. The momentum will carry over to next week's game against Eastern Illinois."

TSU tacked on the first score at the 12:10 mark early in the second quarter with a Heffner 1-yard quarterback sneak to end a 10-play, 59-yard drive. The next scoring drive was 13 plays for 73 yards and ended with another Heffner 1-yard quarterback sneak. The extra-point attempt was missed following the second score to leave the Tigers' lead at 13-0 going into halftime.

After the break, the Tigers continued to put together solid drives with a third quarter 12-play, 55-yard effort to up the score to 20-0. On the next drive, the Tiger defense forced Samford quarterback Jefferson Adcock to throw a pass away not in the direction of an eligible receiver nearby to avoid a sack. The play was ruled intentional grounding and earned the Tiger defense its second safety of the season resulting in TSU's lead being increased to 22-0.

Samford scored its only points on a late fourth quarter touchdown. Adcock found Josh Brennard from 3 yards out to narrow the score to 22-7.

TSU freshman Julian Sample came in as quarterback late in the fourth quarter to usher a 9-play, 70-yard drive for the last score. Sample scored on a 5-yard run where he broke five Samford player tackles.

"Sample was a quarterback/defensive back when we brought him here," said TSU head coach James Webster. "He looked really good out there. He's one of our better athletes."

Williams had his way with another opponent. He finished the game with 162 yards on 35 rushes. Heffner finished the game 9 of 15 passing for 105 yards.

The TSU tallied 352 yards and allowed 190 yards. The Tigers were penalized four times for 25 yards. An announced crowd of 18,758 attended the game.

TSU's next game is on the road at Eastern Illinois (5-4, 4-1 OVC) on Saturday, Nov. 4.



Tiger comeback keeps OVC race hot

The TSU volleyball team (17-11, 9-3 Ohio Valley Conference) roared back from a 2-0 deficit against the Eastern Illinois Panthers to win the match 3-2 in five sets (2-30, 28-30, 30-19, 30-23 and 15-10) on Saturday, Oct. 28.

The Tigers had three players post double-doubles.

Leading the way for the Tigers was Ericka Godbolt who recorded 17 kills and 22 digs. Kelly Davis and Meesha Jackson also had big games for the squad. Davis recorded 14 kills and 15 digs and Jackson recorded 12 kills and 11 block assists.

Collese Dornan added seven kills, seven digs and nine blocks.

The Tigers will take the court again at David Lipscomb on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m.

Tigers handle conference foe SEMO

The TSU volleyball team defeated Ohio Valley Conference foe Southeast Missouri State in four sets (33-31, 30-27, 29-30 and 30-26).

The Tigers had three players record double-doubles in the match. Tiana Maua led the way for the Tigers with her 55 set assists and 10 digs. Ericka Godbolt and Kelly Davis also recorded double-doubles for the Tigers. Godbolt recorded 18 kills and 10 digs while Davis contributed 10 kills and 10 digs.

Katie Lippi led the Tigers' defense with 20 kills. TSU players Collese Dornan and Meesha Jackson had 16 and 13 kills, respectively.

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Tiger Briefs

Tiger Top 5

1. Javarris Williams – running back

Sophomore – Computer Science
Richmond, Texas

Williams rushed for 162 rushing yards and 35 receiving yards against Samford on Saturday, Oct. 28. This was Williams' sixth 100-yard game of the season and he has rushed for a total 1,045 for the season.

2. Antonio Heffner – quarterback

Sophomore – Undecided
Memphis

Heffner was 9 of 15 for 195 yards and he rushed for 40 yards and scored three touchdowns against Samford on Saturday, Oct. 28.

3. Ericka Godbolt – Outside Hitter

Senior – Human Performance and Sports Science
Omaha, Neb.

Godbolt recorded two double-doubles, which led the Tigers to two wins against OVC foes. On Friday, Oct. 27, Godbolt recorded 18 kills and 10 digs against SEMO and on Oct. 28. She recorded 17 kills and 22 digs against Eastern Illinois.

4. Tiana Maua – Setter

Senior – Psychology
Spokane, Wash.

Maua recorded 102 set assists in two games. Maua recorded 55 set assists against Southeast Missouri and Maua also recorded 47 set assists against Eastern Illinois.

5. The TSU football defense

The Tigers only gave up 190 yards (123 passing and 64 yards rushing) and only allowed seven points against Samford on Saturday, Oct. 28, which is the lowest amount of points they have allowed since 2004.

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